



Newsletter

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Putting Things in Perspective: Heedlessness (Ghafa)

A growing sentiment of uneasiness is spreading throughout the world. The vast majority of people of faith have fallen into heedlessness (ghafa) and are entrenched in their own personal worldly matters. Meanwhile world policies are being made by people who do not take into account the Creator or the Hereafter and do not share our ideas of morality. It seems that as believers, many of us have lost the understanding that we should sacrifice from the blessings bestowed upon us, and we have taken a back seat while the world around us is rapidly changing. We ask Allah to forgive us, guide us, and use us all for the good of the world and humanity.

We Are Not In this World to Just Enjoy, Our Purpose is Deeper

O you who have believed, what is [the matter] with you that, when you are told to go forth in the cause of Allah, you adhere heavily to the earth? Are you satisfied with the life of this world rather than the Hereafter? But what is the enjoyment of worldly life compared to the Hereafter except a [very] little. If you do not go forth, He will punish you with a painful punishment and will replace you with another people, and you will not harm Him at all. And Allah is over all things competent. [Al-Qur'an 9:38-39]

And We have certainly created for Hell many of the jinn and mankind. They have hearts with which they do not understand, they have eyes with which they do not see, and they have ears with which they do not hear. Those are like livestock; rather, they are more astray. It is they who are the heedless. [Al-Qur'an 7:179]

Warning of What's To Come

Draws near for mankind their reckoning, while they turn away in heedlessness. [Al-Qur'an 21:1]

Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "Hasten to do good deeds before you are overtaken by one of the seven afflictions." Then (giving a warning) he said, "Are you waiting for poverty which will make you unmindful of devotion, or prosperity which will make you corrupt, or a disease which will disable you, or senility which will make you mentally unstable, or sudden death which will take you all of a sudden, or Ad-Dajjal who is the worst expected, or the Hour; and the Hour will be most grievous and most bitter." [At-Tirmidhi]

What Should We Expect?

And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient, Who, when disaster strikes them, say, "Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return." Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided. [Al-Qur'an 2:155-157]

What Should We Do?

O you who have believed, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful. [Al-Qur'an 3:200]

By time, Indeed, mankind is in loss, Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience. [Al-Qur'an 103: 1-3] ♦

Disaster Relief Efforts



Sudan Flood Relief

Torrential rains in Sudan destroyed over 110,000 homes due to heavy flooding, affecting over 650,000 people. Flooding affected people of the city of Khartoum as well as countless villages in surrounding rural areas where mud homes and structures have been completely destroyed. It will take many years for such places to rebuild what they had before. Hidaya Foundation has initiated building homes for widows and orphans as well as schools in rural villages through our partner organizations and volunteers native to Sudan.



West Coast Fires Relief

Over the past few months, major fires burned all over the West Coast, prompting evacuations for more than half a million people. Millions of acres and thousands of homes and businesses burned in California, Oregon, Washington and surrounding regions as most states had a record year in damage from fires. Hidaya is working with Western Service Workers Association, a grass roots volunteer run organization in Northern California, to assist families who have lost their homes and livelihoods from the fires.



Pakistan Flood Relief

Heavy monsoon rains once again caused devastation in Pakistan this year, affecting millions in major cities as well as villages. Karachi, Pakistan's largest city with a population near 20 million people, was most badly affected as much of the city was inundated with water destroying property and merchandise for millions. Hidaya Foundation will continue helping affected families with our long term work in the region through our partner organization, Hidaya Trust, which we have been working with for over 20 years. ♦

Evolution of a Project - Sadaqah Meat/Sadaqah Sacrifice

We have decided to modify the "Sadaqah Sacrifice" project and start calling it the "Sadaqah Meat" project.

We have observed that a heavy amount of sacrifices in the localities we serve may negatively affect the goat and sheep populations in the future. Hence we thought to bring other types of animals with meat as a source of protein also. Thus, we are redesigning this service.

From now on, donors are not required to donate the full amount for an animal, rather they can give however much they want toward Sadaqah in the form of meat/protein for benefit of the poor. However, if one wishes, they may still donate towards the sacrifice of a whole animal with the intention that the meat will help families in need.

Funds could be used towards many different forms of meat distribution (including ox, buffalo, cows, goats, sheep, chicken, rabbits, and fish). This will protect animal populations as well as provide a better variety of meats to the thousands of families we serve.

We hope that donors will continue to give towards this important initiative of providing nutritious food to the poor.

Donate towards providing meat by sacrificing a whole animal (prices listed below) or by giving any amount of your choosing towards this effort.

- Cow/Ox/Buffalo: \$420 each
- Goat/Sheep: \$120 each
- Chicken/Rabbit/Fish: \$5 each ♦



Clothe the Poor this Winter for Only \$5 per Person



Hidaya has shipped 24 containers this year filled with relief supplies to benefit the poor of Pakistan, including entire containers filled with just winter clothes.

It costs around \$5,000 to ship each container of in-kind donations, which can be enough to clothe and benefit up to 25,000 people! Since the clothes and items were already donated, we just need help to get them there. So when sponsoring this effort, in essence, every \$5 donated can clothe somebody, or:

- \$50 can clothe 250 people
- \$100 can clothe 500 people
- \$500 can clothe 2,500 people
- \$1,000 can clothe 5,000 people
- \$5,000 can clothe 25,000 people (whole container)

Please donate towards our Container Shipment Project for In-Kind Donations to help us clothe the poor this winter, and beyond. ♦

One Million Trees - Now Planting Fruit & Nut Trees

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "If any Muslim plants any plant and a human being or an animal eats of it, he will be rewarded as if he had given that much in charity." (Sahih Bukhari Vol. 8, Number 41)

Alhamdulillah, this year, via the One Million Trees project, various fruit and nut trees were distributed and planted in Pakistan for benefit of families in need. Different types of trees distributed so far include: persimmon, apricot, cherry, fig, peach, plum, pomegranate, loquat, lemon, guava, walnut, and almond.

Join us in this effort of bringing great benefit to people and the environment and reap the rewards from sadaqah jariyah (continuous charity) as long as people and wildlife are benefiting from the trees you sponsored for plantation! **It costs just \$1 per seedling.** ♦



Animal Farming - Introducing Rabbit Farming

Hidaya Foundation has recently introduced Rabbit Farming for poor families under the Animal Farming project. Rabbits are an excellent source for meat and fur, for making clothing and other materials. Also, their waste is used as excellent fertilizer. Not to mention, they are very cuddly and lovable for children to play with and enjoy as they are growing. Most importantly they reproduce extremely fast and can bring about a great livelihood for families, in shaa Allah.

All efforts under the Animal Farming project include:

Rabbit Farming: 7 rabbits (6 female and 1 male) a breeder cage and food costs about \$70 to start a family with rabbit farming.

Poultry Farming: Five chickens and one rooster, or a flock of 25 chicks, are given to a family (feeding supplies are also provided). It costs about \$50 to start a small poultry farm.

Goat Farming: Goats are given to the poor in rural areas for milk and goat farming. It costs about \$220 for a pair of goats for a family to get started.

Cow Farming: It costs about \$350 for a cow which can provide milk, manure for cooking fuel and fertilizer, and offspring.

Please donate to help families become self employed. ♦



Support Families in Need in USA

It has been a tough year for many throughout the USA, including many of our own in the Muslim Community. Masajid were not open for the majority of this year and have taken a bad hit for their own funding. Our masjid need help to stay open and continue serving the poor of their communities and those around them. Hidaya Foundation is reaching out to smaller masjid throughout the USA who have programs to serve the poor in their areas so we may help them keep their doors open and continue serving those in need for the sake of Allah.

Please donate Zakat and Sadaqah towards supporting our brothers and sisters in Islam as well as our brothers and sisters in humanity among the greater masses. ♦



Clean Drinking Water



One of Hidaya Foundation's most popular projects is the Clean Drinking Water project in which we have 2 efforts:

Water Hand Pump (Sadaqah Jariah - Continuous Charity)

Hidaya is currently installing nearly 300 water hand pumps each month in rural villages! It costs around \$300 per hand pump which can provide water to families for generations! Water hand Pumps are installed in Pakistan and in Bangladesh.

Delivery with Water Tanker

Hidaya sends its tankers out to provide water to the poor daily! It costs just \$10 per for a 1,200 gallon tanker to give water to hundreds of people. ♦

Donation Form

Name |

Email |

Address |

City |

State | Zip |

Phone |

Signature | Date |

Card No |

Expiry Date: (mm/yy) | Visa, Master, Disc, Amex

	Zakat	Amount	Monthly
Zakat (Obligatory Charity)		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqah (Charity)		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations (Winter Clothes)		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
One Million Trees		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqah Meat		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal Farming	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean Drinking Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total		\$ _____	

Set-up a Monthly Donation
(LEAVE THIS BOX BLANK IF YOU ARE DOING A ONE-TIME DONATION)

If you would like to set-up using your checking account (preferred), please include a voided check along with this donation form, or you may fill your card information in the spaces provided above. *Note - please make sure to completely fill in the donor information section so we can properly set-up your donation. By signing, I would like to make this a monthly donation for the project(s) that I have filled in above.*

Signature: _____

Starting Date: _____